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TODAY and TOMORROW

Free India Indispensable Preliminary To Peace

MAHATMA Gandhi in a statement two days ago on the forthcoming conference at San Francisco, reiterated his conviction that there will be no peace for the anti-Axis Powers or the world, unless they shed their belief in the efficacy of war, and resolve to hammer out a real peace based on the freedom and the equality of all nations and races. In his considered opinion, an indispensable preliminary to peace is the complete freedom of India from all foreign control.

These words of our great leader require no elaboration. They are, to every right thinking man, a self-evident proposition. As long as some of the big nations of this earth keep scheming to dominate and exploit the weaker ones, militarism will continue to play havoc on humanity Especially, the possession of India by Britain has been the primary cause of all the major wars during the last one hundred years. It was because Britain could draw upon the inexhaustible reservoir, alike of material and human resources, provided by India, that the British deliberately provoked the first world war. Britain would never have dared to enter into the second world war, if she had not at her command the unlimited manpower and the material resources of her colonial empire in general, and India in particular.

That is why Mahatma Gandhi says the complete independence of India is an indispensable preliminary to world peace. India, by herself, is self-contained, harbours no design upon the integrity of other states, and has no ambition outside. As History records, her people have been from time immemorial a peace-loving nation. India was for long the Light of Asia—nay, the Light of the world, but never was she the scourge of any of her neighbours. Her conquests in Burma, Thailand, China, Indonesia and even farther afield were exclusively in the realms of mind and spirit. They were not achieved by man's inhumanity to man.

If India with such a fine tradition becomes independent, she will be, with her vast area, enormous resources and prodigious population, a potent factor for world peace.

But is there any indication that the San Francisco Conference is going to unchain India? Not at all. The very fact that such notorious British hirelings as Sir Ramasamy Mudaliar and his two colleagues will represent India at the Conference definitely rules out the possibility of any good coming to our people as the result of the forthcoming meeting in San Francisco.

A self-respecting India can have no part or lot in an institution which will be frankly a triumvirate consisting of Russia, Britain and America. It is anything but political realism to expect India's salvation from the deliberations scheduled to take place at San Francisco this month.

Luzon Invaders Intercepted On All War Fronts

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Foe Beaten Off In Every Desperate Attempt At Further Advancement

Luzon Front Base, April 17 (Domei)—Although American troops are assuming the offensive on all sectors of the Luzon front in the hope of achieving gains before the advent of the rainy season which is rapidly approaching, Nippon forces are intercepting them in furious fighting.

In the Legaspi sector of South-eastern Luzon, our Army and Navy forces, working in close co-operation, are repeatedly repulsing the enemy's offensive efforts, while our infiltration units are penetrating deep into the enemy's rear, causing havoc.

In the Laguna de Bay area, our forces are intercepting and stubbornly preventing the enemy from effecting a junction of his troops—one wing which circling eastward from Manila along the northern shores of Laguna de Bay, has reached Lumban, and the other moving up from the south which has reached Calauan.

In the Baguio sector of Northern Luzon, the enemy who advanced approximately 20 kilometres down the Baguio-Naguilian highway during the past seven days has reinforced his strength and is launching repeated attacks against Nippon mountain positions running from Mount Lombay, Apni and Calugong.

Our forces are carrying out daring close-range assaults against the enemy. On the night of April 12, our forces battling at Calugong and in the area to the east of it, killed or wounded 94 enemy troops and blasted six bivouacs.

'Frisco Conferees To Tackle Polish Issue

Lisbon, April 18 (Domei)—All indications are that the two-year-old anti-Axis dispute over Poland will be one of the most important issues to be discussed at the forthcoming San Francisco Conference.

A London dispatch said Archibald Kerr, British Ambassador to Moscow, is planning a visit to the United States before the San Francisco parley. The dispatch added Kerr is going to Washington to sit on a conference of the "Big Three".

Meanwhile, a Washington dispatch said United States Ambassador to Moscow Averill Harriman is also on his way back to Washington, presumably to report on the Polish Question. Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, meantime, has received a note from the Soviet Union on the Polish diplomatic picture, but he told Washington correspondents he had not yet seen the note and its contents were not disclosed.

MAHATMAJI VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCES IMPENDING SAN FRANCISCO CONFAB

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Permanent World Peace Impossible With Enslaved And Exploited India

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In a statement issued yesterday, Mahatma Gandhi has denounced the forthcoming conference at San Francisco in no uncertain terms, according to a New Delhi report. He has reiterated his conviction that real and lasting peace must be based on the freedom and equality of all nations and races. He says that the complete freedom of India from all foreign control is an indispensable preliminary to world peace.

The complete freedom of India, he goes on to argue, will demonstrate to all the races of the world at present dominated and exploited by the Anglo-Americans that their freedom is very near and that in no case will they henceforward be exploited. The retention of an armed international police, continues Gandhiji, would be a concession to human weakness and not by any means an emblem of peace.

Strongly denouncing the three British puppets selected by the British Government in India to represent the country at the San Francisco Conference, Gandhiji says that either India should be represented by a representative elected by the Indians themselves or not at all.

He says that Indians have every right to demand their independence and that the demand for Indian independence is in no way selfish. Its nationalism spells internationalism. In support of his contention, Gandhiji quotes the resolution of the All-India Congress Committee offering to co-operate with a world federation on an equal basis with other countries in the solution of international problems.

Another report from New Delhi says that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President who is under detention has been removed from Ahmednagar Fort to Bengal. The report adds that Sardar Vallabhai Patel and Mr. Sankar Narain Lal, members of the Congress Working Committee, are being transferred from Ahmednagar Fort to Yerawada jail in Poona.

Meanwhile, in a desperate attempt to appease the Indian national forces, the British authorities in India have released more political prisoners in the country.

According to a New Delhi report, more than 20 detenues have been released by the Central Provinces authorities. They include the Hon'ble Seth Govind Das, Member of the Council of State and Mr. B. C. Shukla, Managing Director of the Nagpur Times, besides some members of the Central Provinces Assembly.

Premier Suzuki Exhorts Nation To Redouble War Effort To Crush Enemy

Tokyo, April 17 (Domei)—Profoundly moved by the Imperial Rescript and monetary gift granted today by TENNO HEIKA to air-raid victims, Premier Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki in a statement today exhorted the entire nation to put forth still greater efforts to further reinforce Nippon's fighting strength in accordance with the Imperial wishes.

The Premier revealed, in connection with the gracious Imperial consideration for the benefit of air-raid victims, that the Government at today's Cabinet meeting adopted necessary measures for the relief and rehabilitation of victims of recent air attacks.

Foreign Envoys Call On Foreign Minister Togo; Greetings Exchanged

Tokyo, April 18 (Domei)—Shigenori Togo, Foreign Minister, this afternoon received the first courtesy calls since his assumption of the foreign portfolio from ambassadors of Axis powers and friendly third nations in Nippon.

Inviting foreign envoys to his official residence, Foreign Minister Togo exchanged separate greetings with Heinrich Stahmer, German Ambassador, Thein Maung, Burmese Ambassador, Wichit Wichit-Wathakan, Thai Ambassador, and Jorge B. Vargas, Philippine Ambassador Foreign Minister Togo will also meet other envoys as soon as they arrive in Tokyo from Karuizawa, which is now the hub of diplomatic activities outside Tokyo.

Enemy Warcraft Losses Mounting Around Okinawa

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Fourteen Warships Sunk Or Damaged; New Landings On Ie & Menna Islands

Tokyo, April 18 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced at 4.30 this afternoon as follows:

"Our air forces, parallel with valient fighting put up by garrison forces on Okinawa Main Island, are continuing to conduct furious assaults on enemy task forces, warships, and vessels in the vicinity of Main Island.

"War results achieved by our side on the two days April 16 and 17 so far ascertained, are as follows: Sunk, five aircraft-carriers, including three standard carriers, one battleship, two battleships or cruisers, one cruiser, and four transports. Heavily damaged, one battleship."

A Nippon Base on South-Western Islands, April 18 (Domei)—Unable to make any headway on Okinawa Main Island for more than the past ten days, the enemy on April 16 simultaneously effected landings on Ie and Menna Islands off the west coast of the Main Island.

Prevented from using the Kita and Naka airfields on Okinawa Main Island owing to relentless Nippon air attacks, the enemy is believed to have been compelled to switch his invasion plans to the two small islands in order to seek bases for his aircraft.

In this connection, it will be noted that enemy aircraft-carriers have been taking heavy punishment from Nippon aircraft. It is also believed that the enemy also may have been prompted to effect new landings before his troops are sunk at sea by death-defying Nippon airmen.

Canadian Cabinet Reshuffle Reported

Lisbon, April 18 (Domei)—Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mac-Kenzie King today announced the resignation of five Cabinet Ministers and the appointment of seven others, according to an Ottawa dispatch.

The message said that the Cabinet reshuffle arose from the necessity of replacing the Ministers who have announced retirement and having a full Cabinet line-up before the general elections on June 11.

The announcement said that J. Glen has been named Minister of Mines and Resources; Joseph Jean, Solicitor-General; Lionel Chevrier, Minister of Transport; Dr. J. J. McCann, Minister of War Services; Dr. Laurence McClaren, Minister of National Revenue; Paul Martin, State Secretary, and Douglas Abbott, Minister of Navy.

American Forces Launch New Push Against Leipzig

Berlin, April 17 (Domei)—The Americans launched a new thrust against Leipzig with fresh forces and heavy fighting is raging in the city's forefield, frontline dispatches said.

Between the Ruhr and Rhine German divisions, divided into two groups and greatly compressed, are engaged in the most heavy fighting with the enemy who is far superior in number and materials, the German High Command announced. Tenaciously and stubbornly they are defending every metre of ground against the concentrated enemy attack. The demand to capitulate was answered by the German garrison of Duesseldorf with the destruction of 17 enemy attacks, the communique said.

Between Frankfurt on the Oder and Oderbruck, on the Eastern Front, the Soviets attacked all day yesterday with a tremendous number of men and material. However, they failed to achieve any breakthrough, the Fuehrer's headquarters' communique stated.

At Lausitz on the Neisse the Soviets after violent artillery preparation started their expected major offensive, and also in the Rothenburg area as well as between Muskau and Forst. German panzer formations in a counter-attack smashed up enemy spearheads and sealed off some penetration points.

In Central Italy heavy defensive fighting continued on the whole front. All attempts to breakthrough of the Anglo-Americans attacking with the strongest artillery, tank and air force support, collapsed again owing to stiff German resistance, the German communique said.

Five Australian Naval Officers Killed, Missing

Lisbon, April 17 (Domei)—Four captains of the Australian Navy have been killed or missing, and another has died, since the outbreak of the war, an Australian dispatch revealed today. It stated that there are now only seven Australians with the rank of Captain or higher on the Australian Navy's active list of executive officers.

The officers had been in service aboard the Australian cruisers "Sydney", "Perth", "Canberra", "Australia", and other ships, it said. It was also disclosed that Commodore J. A. Collins has not resumed duty since he was wounded on his flagship "Australia", off the Philippines several months ago.

Students For Medical College Now Called For

Malacca, April 18 (Domei)—The Malai Ikadaigaku (Medical College) established here is calling for 15 candidates for enrolment in the second course which will shortly begin.

Admission is open to all youths in Malai between the ages of 15 and 20 years who should apply to the Education Department of their respective states not later than April 30. All educational expenses, board and lodging are provided free during the period of study.

The preparatory course in the College takes four years, while the undergraduate course lasts three years.

Wanton Sinking Of Nippon Mercy Ship Held Act Of Savage Depravity Without Precedent In War History

Tokyo, April 18 (Domei)—The Nippon Times commenting on the sinking of the Awa Maru by an American submarine bitterly declares there are no words fit to describe this unprincipled action.

Pointing out that the Awa Maru was a specially designated ship returning from the mission of mercy of carrying comfort kits and relief goods to American prisoners-of-war in Nippon hands in the Southern Regions, the Times denounces its sinking as an "act of savage depravity without precedent." "The immoral character of the Americans, of course, has long been known. Despite protest after protest Nippon hospital ships continue to be deliberately attacked and sunk by American submarines and aircraft. American air raiders take special delight in raining flaming incendiaries and fiendish time-bombs over wide areas of residential districts of Nippon cities, burning and blasting to death innocent civilians." It adds: "But even the Americans, ruthless barbarians as they are, might have been expected to refrain from destroying a ship that was on a mission of mercy for the benefit of their own soldiers now prisoners in Nippon hands."

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Declaring that the Americans apparently are completely enwrapped in "an insane fury of blood lust and bestial passion," the Times asserts "Their plighted word, consideration of fairplay and decency, sentiments of humanitarianism and charity mean nothing in their mad frenzy." The crime of the Americans is rendered all the more inexcusable because of the blatant insistence with which they advertise their hypocritical pretensions to moral superiority and noble idealism. "They are the first to accuse others of alleged atrocities and maltreatment of prisoners. They set themselves up as champions of humanity and justice and democracy. But in their actions they commit such unthinkable crimes as the sinking of the Awa Maru," the Times says.

The paper concludes: "As long as such lawless barbarians as the Americans run loose in this world, civilization is in peril. There can be no ordered life, no security, no progress for humanity as long as America remains unrestrained. The very existence of civilised mankind, to say nothing of its ideals and spiritual values, will remain in mortal danger until the United States is finally vanquished in the present war."

Act Of Sheer Barbarism

Meanwhile, the Mainichi Shimbun editorially declares: "The cold-blooded attack and sinking by a United States submarine of the Nippon mercy ship Awa Maru, while under guarantee of Allied safe conduct is an act of sheer barbarism, which reveals the diabolical nature of the people called Yankees."

"This dirty act of treachery perpetrated by the Americans is absolutely inexcusable under any pretext and their betrayal of our hope that they (Americans) may yet behave as civilised people is all the more condemnable because their treacherous attack came when the ship of mercy had completed delivery of supplies to Americans in the Southern Regions and was on her way back."

One need not wonder at the United States persistent failure to observe international law and decency, the journal continues, because the present United States Government is none other than No. 1 Agent Provocateur of this world conflagration and is made up of international gangsters who openly profess their intention to slaughter the Nippon nation out of existence.

Anyone who regards such a country as one of civilized people having any respect for an accepted code of decency and humanity, to say nothing of international law, is guilty of making a gross mistake. The United States being such a country, the Nippon Government may be said to be guilty of stupidity of treating a pirate as saint when it, even out of a gentlemanlike spirit, complied with the United States wishes for delivery of relief supplies, and accepted its offer of safe conduct at its face value.

"Both the Nippon Government and people should now recognize the true nature of the American people," it concludes, and should clearly see the necessity of the inevitability of treating barbarians as such. The lesson of this regrettable Awa Maru incident is that we should not repeat the folly of trusting one who is absolutely untrustworthy and of being surprised and angered at an act of betrayal and treachery of such a one.

Screen Comedian Charlie Chaplin Embarrassed

Lisbon, April 17 (Domei)—Charlie Chaplin, world famous screen comedian, not only had cause for embarrassment but also gloom today when a Superior Court jury of 11 women and one man in Hollywood adjudged him to be the father of film actress Joan Barry's 18-month-old child Carol Ann, according to a dispatch from the American film capital.

Rubber Commission Appointed In Saigon

Saigon, April 19 (Domei)—In order to maintain the present volume of rubber production in French Indo-China, a rubber commission which will control production, shipment and sale of rubber has been created. Composed of representatives of leading raw rubber companies of French Indo-China, this rubber commission will not only supervise the activities of the existing Rubber Bureau, Rubber Control Association and Rubber Association, but also various rubber agencies in the production districts.

Alor Gajah Chinese Gift To Imperial War Chest

Malacca, April 18 (Domei)—The Chinese community of Alor Gajah District donated the sum of $190,277.70 towards the Imperial War Fund. Accompanying the donation was a scroll written in beautiful Chinese caligraphy, expressing the staunch part the Chinese are prepared to play in the War of Greater East Asia.

393 Foe Warships Sunk Crippled Off Okinawa To Date

Tokyo, April 18 (Domei)—With the sinking of 13 enemy ships, five of which were aircraft-carriers, and damaging of one warship by our air force during the two days April 16 and 17 as officially announced this afternoon, the unprecedented large figure of 393 enemy vessels has been confirmedly either sunk or heavily damaged since the commencement of the Okinawa operations up to the present.

Moreover, as our forces have also scored numerous other war results which have not yet been confirmed, extremely heavy has been the blow inflicted on the enemy.

A tabulation of war results confirmed to have been attained by our forces up to April 17 reveals that 216 enemy warships were sunk, of which 12 were aircraft-carriers, ten battleships, three battleships or cruisers, one battleship or transport, seven large-size warships, 39 cruisers, six cruisers or destroyers, one cruiser or transport, 31 destroyers, 23 transports, 16 landing barge-transports, 63 vessels of unknown category and four minesweepers.

Enemy vessels sunk or heavily damaged total nine, of which two were aircraft-carriers, one battleship, one battleship or cruiser and five large-size warships.

Damaged enemy vessels total 168 of which seven were aircraft-carriers, eight battleships, 12 battleships or cruisers, 12 large-size warships, 16 cruisers, two cruisers or destroyers, one cruiser or transport, 22 destroyers, 28 transports, one tanker or aircraft-carrier, 55 vessels of unknown category, two minesweepers and two torpedoboats.

Republican Opposition To Harry Truman Begins

Lisbon, April 18 (Domei)—The new Truman Administration today is fighting its first pitched Congressional battle against all-out Republican opposition to late American President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's endorsed tariff reduction measures, Lloyd Burlingham, Reuter's correspondent, reported today in a dispatch from Washington.

Republican members manifested their first open opposition to the new American President's program when they aligned themselves in relentless opposition to the new measure when the House Ways and Means Committee began consideration of the new tariff bill by hearing a statement by Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, he said.

Meantime, Michael Ford, "London Daily Mail" correspondent, reported in a dispatch from New York today that opposition to American President Harry Truman can be expected to flare up as soon as American political and business groups have observed a period of "pious silence" in respect to late President Roosevelt.

American big business, the correspondent said, is already looking forward to the next presidential election and considers Truman as being only a child of Roosevelt's compromising efforts.

Jasin I.I.L. To Open Hindi School At Bt. Kajang Estate

Malacca, April 18 (Domei)—Under the auspices of the Indian Independence League, Jasin Sub-Branch, a Hindi School will be opened at Bukit Kajang Estate on April 20. This school will implement a long felt want for inculcating the national spirit and teaching the estate children the lingua franca of India. Tuition will only be given in the evening to facilitate the students attending the Nippon-Go morning session on the estate.

Sri Rama Navami To Be Observed Here Tomorrow

The festival of Sri Rama Navami will be celebrated at the Bharatiya Bhawan, No. 47, Cuff Road, Syonan, tomorrow.

The religious ceremony in connection with the festival will be held at noon.

In the evening at 7 o'clock there will be a musical programme when a choice selection of songs, flute solos, violin, guitar and Jalatharanga items, etc., will be supplied beside a discourse in Hindustani by Pandit Ratanchand Sharma on the Life of Bhagawan Sri Rama.

The contributors to the musical programme are Pandit Narayan Das, Ladies' Music Party, R. K. Orchestra, Madam Mary John, Pandit Muralidharan, Master Bhag Singh Ji, Shrimathi Radha Rajah, Kumari Jeya Lakshumi Rajah, Kumari Kamala Kale, Kumari Shakuntala Kale, Sri Reginald Joseph, Sri G. Murugaya and members of the Ramakrishna Orchestra.

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